Nadler Introduces 9/11 Memorial Resolution

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) yesterday introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives expressing the body's support for the construction of a permanent memorial at the World Trade Center site. New York State's entire House delegation joined Congressman Nadler in cosponsoring the resolution.

" The construction of a permanent 9/11 memorial is an endeavor that everyday Americans care about deeply, " Congressman Nadler said. " This resolution makes clear that the House of Representatives feels just as strongly. "

Supporters hope the resolution will build support for the memorial effort and assist the Foundation in its fundraising and public information efforts.

&Idquo; The House of Representatives recognizes the importance of establishing a national memorial at the World Trade Center site, as the highest honor the Nation can confer to commemorate and mourn the events of February 26, 1993, and September 11, 2001, " the resolution states, &Idquo; and supports the efforts of the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation to build a permanent memorial at the World Trade Center site. "

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation has selected a design for the memorial and has founded the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation to begin the fundraising and construction processes. The resolution introduced yesterday communicates the House's support for the project.

The full text of the resolution appears below.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of establishing a national memorial

at the World Trade Center site to commemorate

and mourn the events of February 26, 1993, and September

11, 2001.

Whereas on February 26, 1993, terrorists detonated a bomb in the basement of the World Trade Center in an attempt to destroy the building, killing six and wounding hundreds;

Whereas on September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft, causing two of them to crash into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third into the Pentagon, and a fourth in rural southwest Pennsylvania;

Whereas nearly 3,000 people were killed at the World Trade

Center site in the most lethal terrorist attack ever committed

against the United States;

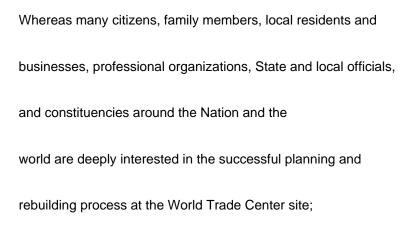
Whereas the attack on the World Trade Center resulted in great destruction and damage to homes, churches, schools, and commercial and retail buildings, causing the loss of approximately sixty thousand jobs and many businesses

in Lower Manhattan, and wounding incalculable numbers of citizens of New York;

Whereas the human and emotional toll of this attack has been deeply and profoundly felt in New York, by Americans across the United States, and people throughout the world;

Whereas the attacks united Americans with all good citizens of the world, regardless of political, ethnic, or religious persuasion or affiliation;

Whereas in the months and years since the historic events of
February 26, 1993, and September 11, 2001, hundreds
of thousands of people have visited the World Trade Center
site to mourn the dead, to pay tribute to the heroic
action and sacrifice of the firefighters, police, emergency
personnel, and other responders, and to attempt to understand
the nature of this attack on the United States;



Whereas a broad and deep consensus has emerged in the United States that this is a sacred site that cannot be forgotten and must be honored;

Whereas the site of the World Trade Center requires the highest form of national recognition;

Whereas the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation has been established to create a permanent memorial at the site to honor the victims and heroes of the attacks;

Whereas Presidents Gerald R. Ford, Jimmy Carter, George
H.W. Bush, and William J. Clinton serve as Honorary
Members of the Board of the Foundation to support its

mission, underscoring the wide support of the effort to

build a permanent and appropriate memorial at the World Trade Center site;

Whereas in April 2003, the Lower Manhattan Development
Corporation launched the largest design competition in
history for the creation of a permanent memorial, with
designs submitted by 5,201 individual participants from
63 nations and 49 States; and

Whereas after a distinguished 13-member jury reviewed every submission, on January 6, 2004, the jury announced the winning memorial design, Reflecting Absence by architect Michael Arad and landscape architect Peter Walker:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the importance of establishing a national memorial at the World Trade Center site, as the highest honor the Nation can confer to commemorate and mourn the events of February 26, 1993, and September 11, 2001;

and (2) supports the efforts of the World Trade

Center Memorial Foundation to build a permanent

memorial at the World Trade Center site.

Cosponsors include all members of the New York House delegation: Gary Ackerman (D-5th), Timothy Bishop (D-1st), Sherwood Boehlert (R-24th), Joseph Crowley (D-7th), Eliot Engel (D-17th), Vito Fossella (R-13th), Brian Higgins (D-27th), Maurice Hinchey (D-22nd), Steve Israel (D-2nd), Sue Kelly (R-19th), Pete King (R-3rd), Randy Kuhl (R-29th), Nita Lowey (D-18th), Carolyn McCarthy (D-4th), John McHugh (R-23rd), Michael McNulty (D-21st), Carolyn Maloney (D-14th), Gregory Meeks (D-6th), Major Owens (D-11th), Charles Rangel (D-15th), Thomas Reynolds (R-26th), José Serrano (D-16th), Louise Slaughter (D-28th), John Sweeney (R-20th), Edolphus Towns (D-10th), Nydia Velázquez (D-12th), Jim Walsh (R-25th), and Anthony Weiner (D-9th).

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